

their education or their medical expenses. Indeed, illegal immigration is not a victimless crime, and as long as our Nation continues to turn a blind eye, illegal immigrants have all the incentives in the world to risk their lives crossing our border.

As the Senate deliberates their approach to reform, I believe we in the House need to continue to emphasize border security first and foremost, our opposition to amnesty, and support for a national guest worker program that treats those seeking jobs here as exactly that, guests not citizens.

□ 1015

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to remind my colleagues that this week, April 3-9 is National Public Health Week.

I want to thank the efforts of the American Public Health Association and its 200-plus partners who have organized events around the Nation that serve to raise everyone's awareness of the need to improve public health.

This year, the theme of National Public Health Week is, "Designing Healthy Communities, Raising Healthy Kids."

Mr. Speaker, less than 10 percent of our Nation's children walk or ride their bicycles to school, and too many schools continue to invite fast-food vendors into their cafeterias.

In America today, the percentage of children and adolescents who are defined as overweight is more than double what it was in the early 1970s.

My experience as a school nurse taught me that we need to make a concerted effort, all of us, to increase physical fitness activity among our children and to encourage all Americans to adopt a healthier diet that includes fruits and vegetables, but there is more.

If we are going to be successful in designing healthy communities and raising healthy kids, we must make sure this message is heard the entire year and not just for 1 week.

I urge my colleagues to support this and other efforts to promote children's health.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, illegal immigration, the process of choosing to enter this country illegally, of violating our laws, is clearly a priority of concern with the American people, and I don't think the American people are asking too much when they call our offices and tell us to secure the

border and bring a halt to the massive problem of illegal entry into this country.

Some in this debate are trying to characterize those of us who want to get serious about illegal entry as mean-spirited and anti-immigrant. It is ridiculous.

In a column a while back, Peggy Noonan asked the question, What does it mean when the first thing a person does when coming into the country is break our laws? Mr. Speaker, that is a good question.

We absolutely cannot condone or incorporate into our society large numbers of people whose first act upon entering this country is to break a law.

We need to overhaul our border security. We need to overhaul the process by which people are legally admitted to this Nation.

VOTER CONFIDENCE AND INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY ACT

(Mr. HOLT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, a government such as ours, by the people, works only if the citizens believe it does. Yet, voting irregularities in polling places around the Nation have played an important role in eroding the trust of many Americans in Americans' ability to govern ourselves.

Most or even all of the problems can be addressed, and we should do that. Today, hundreds of citizens are coming to Washington from around the country to urge that we enact H.R. 550, to give every voter a system of voting that allows voter-verified paper audit trails.

Everything of value should be auditable, no less so votes, and every voter should be confident that his or her vote is recorded and counted as intended.

Passage of the Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act will be a big step toward restoring confidence in our government.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, this week the Senate is continuing to debate immigration reform which, of course, is badly needed.

I would urge the Senate to look to the legislation that was passed by this House in December when crafting their legislation. America needs the House immigration and border security bill to protect our borders.

The legislation that we passed ends the catch-and-release program, it gets tough on repeat offenders, promotes cooperation amongst local law enforcement as well, and it installs requirements to ensure that those who are

here illegally in our country do not take jobs from American citizens.

Some say that these illegals just take the jobs that Americans won't do, but I received a letter just the other day from one of my constituents who urged me to push for tougher immigration laws because he can't find work as a drywaller because of illegal foreign workers.

This is considered a very good job from where I come from, the type of job that has built our middle class.

Now we hear the Senate has cut a deal on providing amnesty for some illegal aliens, and I would have a message for the distinguished Senators on the other side of this building: amnesty has no chance of passage in this House. Look to the House bill if you want to see real immigration reform.

REPUBLICANS CREATE A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET FOR AMERICA

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Congress is currently evaluating America's needs and trying to decide upon a budget that will responsibly provide for our Nation in 2007.

We should approach this process with the same wisdom and self-restraint used by American families when they decide upon their budget. While we must provide for our needs, we must eliminate unnecessary government programs and prepare for emergencies.

House Republicans are focused on strengthening our Nation's most critical programs, reforming the government, and spending taxpayers' dollars wisely. The Lexington County Chronicle is correct, that the money belongs to the people, not to the government.

I am particularly proud of Chairman JIM NUSSLE's efforts to save \$6.8 billion in spending and reduce the deficit by implementing commonsense reforms. Most importantly, we are taking immediate steps to ensure that the American economy continues to create jobs for American workers.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. If we adopt the Republican budget late tonight or tomorrow, the Republicans will set a new record: 5 consecutive years of the largest deficits in our Nation's history.

Two weeks ago, the Republicans in the Senate voted to raise the debt limit in the United States of America to \$9 trillion. That is the fourth debt increase in 5 years. This majority and this President Bush have added 65 percent to the debt of the United States in 5 short years.

The President has accumulated more foreign debt than the 42 Presidents who preceded him, and this budget is business as usual: borrow money, borrow all of the Social Security trust fund and spend it, in part, on tax breaks for the wealthy.

This budget assumes that we will continue to borrow money to fund yet more tax breaks for the wealthiest among us, despite the Internal Revenue data that came out yesterday showing that their tax breaks benefit those making over \$10 million a year by \$500,000 a year. Should people who work for wages and salaries be forced to pay debt to give tax breaks to people who earn over \$10 million a year? They say yes.

RESTORING FISCAL SANITY AND PAYGO

(Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans claim to be fiscally responsible; and if that is the case, I encourage them to join the Democrats in supporting a policy called pay-as-you-go.

Democrats strongly support the reinstatement of commonsense pay-as-you-go budget rules that would require any increase in mandatory spending and any decreases in revenue be offset elsewhere in the budget so that we don't add to the deficit.

PAYGO rules were adopted on a bipartisan basis in 1990 and then reenacted again in 1997 before Republicans allowed such rules to expire in 2002. PAYGO budget rules are widely credited with producing record budget surpluses between 1998 and 2001.

President Bush and congressional Republicans previously supported PAYGO rules for both spending and taxes, but now oppose the application of such rules to taxes because they would be forced to offset their tax legislation. They seem willing to let the deficit spiral out of control as long as they continue to give and provide tax breaks to the very wealthy.

It is time that the Republicans start thinking about our Nation's future. It is imperative we reject the budget so we can reinstate PAYGO rules that will restore fiscal discipline.

REPUBLICANS SELLING OUR COUNTRY AWAY TO FOREIGN NATIONS

(Mr. MEEK of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor again to be here on the House floor to share with the American people what is actually going on here in the Capitol.

I want to share with the American people that President Bush and the Re-

publican majority in just 4 years have borrowed \$1.05 trillion from foreign nations. That is selling our country to other nations because of the spending that is going on. That is more than 42 Presidents before this President and the Republican majority and 224 years.

What does that mean to Americans? What does that mean to our future? Japan holds \$682.8 billion of our debt; China owns \$249.8 billion of our debt; the U.K., \$223.2 billion of our debt; Caribbean nations, \$115.3 billion of our debt; Taiwan, \$71.3 billion of our debt; OPEC nations, \$67.8 billion of our debt; Germany, \$65.7 billion of our debt; Korea, \$66.5 billion of our debt; and Canada, \$53.8 billion of our debt.

Republicans are going to sell this country away to other countries, and I think it is important that we take on fiscal responsibility.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET A GIFT TO SPECIAL INTERESTS AND A SLAP IN THE FACE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans are expected to bring a 2007 budget to the floor this week that they say demonstrates their priorities. Unfortunately, House Republicans once again essentially rubber-stamp the President's budget, refusing to stand up for fiscal discipline and refusing to truly address the needs of everyday Americans.

The Republican budget makes harmful cuts to critical services for working families and uses these cuts to partly pay for new tax cuts, primarily benefiting America's millionaires.

This budget slashes education, training and social services funding; cuts veterans health care and taxes military retirees; cuts homeland security, including port security; squeezes programs for low-wage workers and vulnerable families; slashes environmental protection and conservation funding; and cuts funding for public health programs and medical research.

The wealthiest Americans are doing just fine. They don't need any more help from Washington Republicans. It is America's middle class who have lost out over the last 5 years, and they are not getting help from the Republican budget. We should reject this mean-spirited budget.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HON. JON C. PORTER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

THE SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE) laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JON C. PORTER, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 5, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena for documents issued by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

JON C. PORTER,
Member of Congress.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. CON. RES. 376, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 766 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 766

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 376) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011. The first reading of the concurrent resolution shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution are waived. General debate shall not exceed four hours, with three hours of general debate confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour of general debate on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Representative Saxton of New Jersey and Representative Maloney of New York or their designees. After general debate the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion. No further consideration of the concurrent resolution shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

□ 1030

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. PUTNAM asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 766 is a rule that provides for general debate of House Concurrent Resolution 376, the bill establishing the congressional budget for the Federal Government for fiscal year 2007, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011.